MODEST BUCK PRIVATE TAKES FRENCH ORPHAN

"Parrain" Who Provides Mascot With Year's 'Care Doesn't Want Names Mentioned-Total Now Stands at 85

Eighty-five.
That is the total of "mascots" adopted by units and individuals of the A.E.F.—of French children bereft of home or parents by the war who now, through the gonerosity of the American soldiers in France, are assured of food, clothing and comfort for a year.
Funds for the support of 19 children were received this week by the War Orphan Bureau of THE STARS AND STRIPES. At this rate the total of adoptions will pass the 100 mark next week.

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The Air Service was again in the foreground in adoptions, leading, by a narrow margain, the infantry, the Engineers and the Medical Corps. The first private to make a personal adoption sent in his 500 francs for a six-year-old girl, at the same time modestly forbidding mention of his name, and the Y.M.C.A. but at Base Hospital No. 8 gained the distinction of being the first Y unit to raise a fund for the care of a STARS AND STRIPES war orphan. The week also brought the first expressions of gratitude from the children adopted and, in some instances, from their mothers. These letters tell a tale of thankfulnoss that is almost pathetic. Five hundred francs isn't much to a company or the average detachment, but it will provide a monthly payment of \$7.30, which to a widowed French mother with a family, or to a child who has lost home and parents, means the solving of a vital problem that appears insoluble. The letter received from the mother of little Mary Louise Patriarche, adopted by the stafi of THE STARS AND STRIPES is typical of those at hand.

What Warles Mather Says

What Marie's Mother Says

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"How will I ever be able to thank you enough for having adopted my dear little Marie Louise in your fine generosity? Ifow can I express my gratitude and joy?" she writes.

"As with all good mothers who see the future of their children made sate, the words which I would be able to say would not sufficiently express my thankfulness, but be sure, gentlemen, that my gratitude is infinite. It is a genuine good fortune to me, who, in my continual sickness have only this one thought: Suppose that I should not be able to work any more, who would take care of my dearest?

"It is a great thanks from the bottom of my heart which I send you because I cannot tell it to you with my own lips." I am going to have little Marie Louise write a letter while I guide her hand. It will be only a little serawl, but I hope It will pleace her dear narrains. I will always be glad to give you news of my little dear, for she is ever so pretty and good."
Madame Patriarche and her daughter

Madame Patriarche and her daughter are refugees from the invaded district. The father and husband was killed at the front. The mother worked for '25 francs a month to support her child until she was taken ill. The Red Cross reports that her sickness was caused by overwork and that she probably never will be able to work again.

Like Thousands of Others

The Patriarche case is no sadder than thousands of others. It is not so sad as many, but it serves as an example of how a small sum of money gathered from a group of soldiers can do a service entirely out of proportion to its value from our viewpoint.

G.H.Q. A.E.F. responded to the call again this week when the officers and clerks of the Administrative Section rasked for a boy seven years old. They started to raise the 500 francs for the adoption and became so enthusiastic that they oversubscribed that amount 550 francs. The second 500 francs has been set aside for a second year's maintenance of the child and the godfathers specially requested that the odd 50 francs be used to purchase their "mascot" such clothing and other necessities as he may be immediately in need of.

The YM.C.A. at Base Hospital No. 8 made a systematic campaign to raise the first 250 francs for the adoption of a child.

"We started the fund by taking a collection in both the morning and evening meetings and also had a box for offer-

SUCCESS OF LOAN EASILY ASSURED

Ings on the counter," wrote W. I. Kelsey, the secretary. "We have a poster on the wall representing a thermometer. A movable red hand indicates from time to time the increase in contributions.

"We will leave to you the selection of a child. We hope soon to have the various units here working for separate orphans. This is only a beginning. Your idea is a fine one. It gives the men an intelligent way of expressing their good will."

Aero Squadron Takes Its Fourth The — Aero Squadron, which had previously adopted three children, sent in an additional 500 francs for a fourth child, a brother of one of those they altready had taken.

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The — Aero Squadron sent 1000 francs, and wrote:

"We desire to adopt two orphans, one child to be a boy and the other a girl, both to be about six years of age, and preferably of the same family. This money was voluntarily donated by the numbers of the — Aero Squadron and it is sincerely hoped that at some future date we will be able to make another adoption."

The — Aero Repair Squadron asked for "one little French girl seven years of age whose daddy was killed in the guerre."

An Aero Construction Squadron sen in 1500 francs for three orphans.

Brother Sister and Another

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"If possible," the airmen wrote,
"adout for us a brother and sister,
orphans of from four to seven years of
age, and a girl orphan of about the same
age. This command stands ready to assist in the education of its adopted ones
and will endeavor to bring to them a
little pleasure from time to time. The
men of this command were very much
enthuses over the plan and hearlily
comparatulate THE STARS AND
STRIPES on its splendid movement to
help the needy children over such a
period of their lives. The money was
raised within 24 hours after the plan
had been explained to the men."
Another Aero Constinction Squadron
asked for a "girl five years old."
Headquarters Company, — Infantry,
sent in 500 francs for a "mascot" and
Company II of the same regiment asked
for a girl from 10 to 14 years old.
And then-we know it doesn't sound
true, but we are ready to take an affidavit that it is—came 500 francs from
a private. He wasn't, so far as known,
one of those high salaried privates first
class, but just one of the ordinary \$33—
minus deductions—variety.

We'll Obey Orders

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"Pick me a little girl about six years of age," he wrote. "It is preferred that STARS & STRIPES—May 3 1918—11 PAGE 3 sie have neither father nor mother living. In the event of your publishing any list of 'adoptions or 'adoptees' please understand that I forbid mention of both the youngster's name and mine. Outside of these provisions, I leave everything to the judgment of your committee."

The Engineers were heard from the stage of the second of the secon

NAMES OF 50 MEN

ONE GAME AFTER ANOTHER



PARIS OR LONDON---HOW COULD HE TELL?

You Might Get Mixed Up, Too, if You Were on

Three Times

By GEORGE T. BYE condon Stuff Correspondent of THI. STARS AND STRIPES

London Staff Correspondent of THT. STARS AND STRIPES

I.ONDON, May 2.—A marine sergeant—therefore a stiff, spruce guy with a jaw like a cow-eatcher—was walking along anead of me, and behaving very queerly for a marine.

He would hoof ahead a bit, stop, stroke bis cow-eatcher, look around, then go on again. Once when he looked around I saw that there were tired lines about his face and that his cycs were bloodshot.. "Poor guy," I thought. "Must have been high seas last night."

For the second time in my life I had made a mistake, thought I didn't realize it then, for the marine sergeant nodded to me the next time he stopped, and asked:

"Say, tell me—for the luva Mike—is the Perican I candon."

"Say, tell me—for the luva Mike—is this Paris or London?"
Would you have thought that he had just come over and, on top of an evening of beaucoup sociability, had lost his hearings? I did.
"Aphnsia?" I asked, smart-like.
"Hell, no. It can't be," he almost shouted. "Must be either Paris or London."

Washington, one Alabama and one Fennsylvania.

"You'd be surprised how this foreign architecture gets your goat at times," he went on, "especially when you haven't had but a couple of winks of sleep ip 24 hours. You see French and English uniforms on the streets in both places, and signs in both languages. A fairly good way to tell 'em apart is from the buildings. If the buildings look white, you are pretty certain to be in Paris. Grey is the war color of old London, but you'll notice they're starting to paint things up white, and it sure does continue up white, which is beginning to think there may really be some doubt about it.

"Pretty soft job for you."

Not So Terribly Soft

"Well, yes end no. But I'm not complaining. You know, we have to take pot-luck on the trains out of Paris. Sometimes they don't stop where you think they are going to, and that means considerable hiking. It's pretty cold and uncomfortable on the trains, and you have to keep awake most of the night to make sure of transfers to other trains. And traveling on the beats over the Channel is not what you would call de have.

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"Say, do you know how many times I have crosed that big sloppy creek? This was my forty-third, and I don't hold the courier record by a long shot. I'm in Paris and London at least once a week, and our schedule calls for three days' rest in each place. And we sure need it after a few of the trips.
"Before the war I lived on a nice little Indiana farm. Who'd ever thought then that I would spend month after month doing nothing but travel from I.ondon to Paris, wearing a nice big automatic and no cop to pinch me for carrying exposed weapons—having the right-of-way everywhere—an official courier of Uncle Sam carrying important war dispatches! It's pretty soft, isn't it?"

Courier Service

RIGHT OF WAY ALWAYS HIS

So Far This Marine Sergeant Has Crossed Channel Only Forty-

v, tell me—for the luva Mike—is aris or London?"

shouted. "Must be either Paris or London."
"You're right. It's London. But it's a funny mistake to make."
"Oh, I don't know about that. What if you did nothing else but hop from Paris to London and back again?"
"You ——""
"You pelican," he interrupted, and grinned.
"Then I. knew my guess was right. Once in Chicago I was a curly wolf.
"I'm a pelican," he repeated. "See, here's my pouch," and he swung around

ON VISIT TO STATES

A.E.F. Soldiers Who Made

Good Here Tell Home

Folks About It

There were 50 of them, you remember -50 members of the A.E.F. who had made good with such a bang that they were going back to the States to tell

HOSPITAL BARBER SHINES AS SALOME

Musical Show Makes Great Hit at Mackay-Roosevelt Post

The Mackay-Roosevelt Hospital Unit, on duty in the A. E. F., is just recovering from a severe attack of amateur dramatics and the hero of the outfit is the barber.

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Vincent Rizzo, who, from the unit's arrival in France, had been hiding his light under a shaving mug, stood revealed on the night of the show as a sensuous barefoot dancer of Hindoo measures. Aided and abetted by several other enlisted men, he had the hardihood to present himself as Salome in the famous Bance of the Seven Veils. Veils were borrowed from seven nurses and when the great climax was reached and Salome must expire at the bite of a coiling serpent, it was found that an untrained piece of fire hose made a great personal hit as the serpent.

The barber was presented, afterwards, with a large bouquet of Bermuda onions, a joke that always goes big in small time houses.

The show was a musical comedy given on the stage of the Y but where the boards had already known the stately tread of E. H. Sothern and the sprightly prance of Elsie. It produced an unexpected number of amateur Julian Eltinges who had been camouflaged in olive drab.

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The hit scored was so emphatic that the C.O. says the troupe can go wherever the Y.M.C.A. wants to bill it. The boys immediately suggested an extended engagement at the Astor Theater in Times Square, and this being coldly vetoed, are now looking over the map of France for suggestions.

a dispatch case that I hadn't noticed before. "Tm a pelican and I fly from Paris to London, and back again."

Up went a dozen star shells. In great shame I saw I had been horribly wrong in my judgment of the marine sergeant. He is one of six A.E.F. couriers assigned to the London-Paris circuit, of whom three are from Indiana, one from Washington, one Alabama and one washington, one Alabama and one connevivania.

The store of France for suggester.

YOU CAN'T ALWAYS TELL

By Carle to The Stars and Stripes, NEW YORK, May 2.—A New Jersey Draft Roard was hopelessly stunned the other day when a man being examined before it became suddenly stubborn on the point of nationality and flatty remained to the star of the sub-remained by the sub-remai

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Continued from Page 1 its sleeve, or rather in its pocket, and with due regard to the perlls of prophecy, your correspondent ventures the prediction that by the time you go to press something will have happened here to bust things wide open, for all greent only the Richmond and Atlanta districts are lower in quota than New York, and this city can't afford to leave the ring with a black eye which no befsteak can remove. Full Subscription Certain New York's showing in actual money is not so bad as its standing in the pennant race indicates. It has raised \$353,000,000 against \$350,000,000 by Chicago, its next competitor, on the amount of money. There is no doubt whatever that the full loan will be subscribed before the end of the campaign. The only question its every indication that the big punch will come toward the end from the camps when a before the side were district reports that the there won't be any left full on will be subscribed before the end of the campaign. The only question its every indication that the big punch will come toward the end from the canny strategists. The States are racing one another, as well as the Federal Reserve Sections. The States are racing one another, as well as the Federal Reserve Sections. Iowa, Arkansas, Kentucky, North Dackota, Montana, and Minnesota all exceeded their quotas early in the week. Northern Wisconsin has heavily oversubscribed its quota. The San Francisco reserve district reports that the number of distribution, and we are all femily. Pvt. Rendert B. Jopp, Pvt. Schuel'r D. Martin, Pvt. Rendert, D. Charles E. Morris, Cpl. Elmer D. Martin, Pvt. Schuel'r D. Martin, Pvt. Harry Novak, Pvt. Hars Novak, Pvt. Langelorn contain mether the cities with 125 per cent. The factors of distribution, and we are all femily provided illuminating and inspiring the provided illuminating and inspiring the pro

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The Cleveland reserve district has 552 honor communities. The city of Cleveland alone has taken \$26,000,000. Detroit has oversubscribed its quota by 42 per cent: Des Moines by 39 per cent. Sloux City by 60 per cent.

Many communities in Wisconsin and Michigan, where a big proportion of the population is of German descent.

Detroit. Des Moines. Toledo. Milwaukee. Cincinnati. alveston. Fort Worth.

Springfield, Mass. Lynn, Mass Newark. Fall River. Fall River.
San Antonio.
Shreveport.
Salt Lake City.
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Los Angeles.
Indianapolis.
Albany.

Hawaii has sent in \$2,600,000, with more promised. The Navy has fired a broadside of \$8,000,000, and says it is only just stripping for its real big gun practice.

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How the Cittes Stand

A merry inter-city contest on the side
has produced illuminating and inspiring
proofs of loyalty. For instance, Milwankee stands fourth among the leading
cities with 125 per cent. The factory
towns with a known large proportion of
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Mass., 103 per cent; iLynn, Mass., 102
per cent; Newark, N. J., 106 per cent.
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Fort Worth. Indianaporas.
Seattle. Albany.
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Whene'er we're bustin' through!

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As Redlegs all must learn;
For engineering plots and graphs,
He's never known to yearn;
Machine guns with their curleykews
Are so much Greek to him—
what matter? Though he's short
In books,
He's love on strength and wim!

He's long on strength and vim! The cannoneers may blast away
And make the Boche go pronto,
But infantry with bayonets
Will send 'em to Toronto,
To Halifax or Timbuctoo,
And send 'em humpin' fast—
So 'Tenshun! while the columns of
The infantry march past!

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